

County cautions folks against census scams

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RIVERSIDE — Elderly Riverside County residents were warned Tuesday to be on guard for identity thieves who may pose as census takers to get their personal information.

“Participating in the census is one of the most important contributions seniors can make for their communities,” said county Office on Aging Director Ed Walsh. “However, we want to ensure that all residents participate safely.”

U.S. Census questionnaires will be arriving in residents' mailboxes this month, and those who don't completely fill out or return the forms can expect a follow-up visit or phone call from a census worker, county officials said.

Scammers could claim to be conducting a follow-up survey to obtain residents' financial information, according to Susan Loew, director of the county's Department of Public Social Services.

The decennial census helps determine the amount of federal funding allocated to localities and the configuration of congressional districts, as well as representation in the Legislature.

Loew said census workers should have identification verifying who they are. She said a census employee should never:

Ask for a signature

Ask to enter a home

Ask for personal information, such as a bank account or Social Security number

Census workers also should not try to communicate via e-mail, according to county officials.

To confirm a census worker's identity, residents should call the U.S. Census Bureau's local offices at (951) 324-2030 or (760) 992-3118.

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